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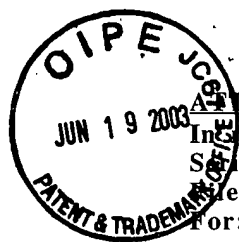
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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